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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S TRAVELS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRSIDENT SUHARTO CONCLUDED FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO IRAN JUNE 30 AS PART OF ROUND THE WORLD TRIP WHICH INCLUDES STOPS IN YUGOSLAVIA, CANADA, U.S. AND JAPAN. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. SUHARTO, FONMIN AND MRS. MALIK, MINSTATE FOR ECON, FINANCE AND INDUSTRY MITISASTRO, AND OTHER RANKING INDONESIAN OFFICIALS. FIRST TWO DAYS WERE SPENT IN TEHRAN DURING WHICH SUHARTO HAD TWO ROUNDS OF TALKS WITH SHAH AND MEETINGS WITH PRIMIN HOVEYDA AND FONMINKHALATBARY, WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT STAT BANQUET, AND AND TOURED USUAL TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. NEXT TWO DAYS WERE SPENT SIGTSEEING IN ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ. PRESS AND TV GAVE EXTENSIVE AND PROMINENT COVERAGE TO ALL ASPECTS OF VISIT.

2. IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF VISIT SUHARTO AND SHAH NOTED WITH SATISFACTION GLOBAL TREND TOWARDS DETENTE AND NEGOTIATION WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS; RESOLVED TO OFFER THEIR OWN
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CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE, PROGRESS AND STABILITY; REAFFIRMED

THEIR BELIEF THAT SECURITY OF INDIAN OCEAN AND PERSIAN GULF SHOULD BE ENSURED BY LITTORAL AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT INCREASE IN NAVAL ACTIVITIES OF GREAT POWERS IN INDIAN OCEAN; REITERATED THEIR VIEW THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE CONTINUED TO FIND SOLUTION TO ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT ON BASIS OF RESOLUTION 242; OBSERVED WITH "DEEP APPRECIATION" TWO COUNTRIES' PARALLEL POSITION ON MOST INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND AGREED TO CONSULT WHENEVER AND WHEREVER NECESSARY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO ENSURE HARMONY OF VIEWS AND SYNCHRONIZATION OF EFFORTS.

3. ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS, COMMUNIQUE SAID TWO HEADS OF STATE AGREED THERE WERE FAR-REACHING POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING ECON COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR, AND THEY AGREED TO ESTABLISH JOINT COMMISSION TO DEFINE AND CARRY OUT CONCRETE PROGRAMS. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE EXAMINING LIST OF POSSIBLE JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY INDONESIANS AND WHEN AREAS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT WERE IDENTIFIED IRAN WOULD BE PREPARED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO HELP FINANCE THEM. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL.

4. DESPITE BALLYHOO SURROUNDING VISIT AND HIGH-SOUNDING PHRASES IN COMMUNIQUE, LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. INDONESIAN DCM IBRAHIM TOLD POLCOUNS VISIT HAD BEEN INTENDED PRIMARILY AS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR CLOSER COOPERATION AND TO REPAY SHAH'S VISIT TO INDONESIA IN OCTOBER. NO CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS HAD BEEN EXPECTED. IN "NEAR FUTURE" INDONESIAN ECON DELEGATION WOULD COME TO TEHRAN TO WORK OUT SPECIFIC PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES. IBRAHIM SAID INDONESIA WOULD LIKE JOINT VENTURES IN WIDE RANGE OF AREAS BUT IRAN IS CHIEFLY INTERESTED IN FOOD-RELATED FIELDS SUCH AS SUGAR, CATTLE AND FERTILIZER PRODUCTION. IRANIANS MADE NO PROMISE OF AID, CLAIMING COUNTRY WAS ALREADY OVERCOMMITTED, BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL VENTURES. IBRAHIM SAID NO SPECIFIC POLITICAL AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN REACHED RELATING TO INDIAN OCEAN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL MATTERS AND NO MECHANISM HAD BEEN SET UP TO SYNCHRONIZE VIEWS AS CALLED FOR IN COMMUNIQUE, BUT "THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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MIGHT OCCUR LATER."

5. MFA CHIEF OF FAR EAST AFFAIRS AKHAVAN ALSO CONFIRMED EXPLORATORY AND GOODWILL NATURE OF VISIT. UNLIKE IBRAHIM WHO SEEMED VAGUELY DISAPPOINTED IN OUTCOME, AKHAVAN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF TALKS.

6. COMMENT: SURPRISINGLY, IN COMMUNIQUE WHICH COVERED

ALMOST ENTIRE WATERFRONT NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT ASIAN
COMMON MARKET WHICH SHAH PUSHED SO HARD LAST YEAR OR
OR ABOUT OIL AND OPEC, ALTHOUGH ON LATTER BOTH LEADERS
SAID IN BANQUET SPEECHES EARLY IN VISIT THAT THEY SAW
EYE-TO-EYE ON ENERGY QUESTIONS. ONLY MENTION IN
COMMUNIQUE OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS WAS STATEMENT THAT
STABILIZATION OF COMMODITY PRICES WAS IMPORTANT PART OF
NECESSARY RESTRUCTURING OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER
AND THAT SHAH AND SUHARTO ENDORSED VIEWS OF DAKAR CONFERENCE
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON RAW MATERIALS.
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